DEWAN'S REPLY: In regard to the most important item of your representation, the construction of a dam across the Chittar stream, and the basin or the reservoir in the Chittar valley, the Chief Engineer expresses the opinion that such a scheme is feasible, but before he can pronounce upon the advisabiliy of undertaking it, it will be necessary first of all to take levels and make calculations, to go into the question of the water available in the watersheds, then take up the question of the Ayacut that it will irrigate and see whether the results of the scheme will be commensurate with the expenditure that it will involve. All these things require very careful consideration and investigation. Until such investigation is made it will be a foliy on the part of the Government to make a promise in the matter.

As regards the restoration of tanks, the Chief Engineer hopes very soon to have definite working plans for the restoration and conservancy of chiras and channels all over Travancore.

In the matter of a hospital at Kuzhithura although I did not visit Kuzhithura for this express purpose, since we met last year and talked the matter over, I made a very careful enquiry and I found that Government had once contemplated opening a dispensary at Kuzhithura. This was a few years back, when they negotiated with the London Mission working there, who were opening a hospital near by. Then Government subsidised the mission hospital at Martandam. Martandam and Kuzhithura are as you know practically the same town.

You want a grant to be given to the Mahatma Gandhi hospital which has just been started. Let it establish itself and prove its efficiency and popularity. Then I shall ask the Inspecting Medical Officer to examine it and ask the Board about the need for a grant.

The establishment of a dispensary at Putukada or Thengapattanam will be taken up with the general question of medical aid in Travancore.

I am sorry to hear that the municipality has thrown you back at Government in the matter of helping the Vishavaidyasala. We have to follow a definite rule on the subject and after much consideration Government came to the conclusion that in the case of Vaidyasalas situated within municipalities it is the duty of the municipalities to afford assistance and that the obligation does not lie upon the Government. I dare say you have your representatives on the municipal council and I am sure if they move in the matter, the council will give the question their consideration.

As regards raising the level of the lane leaving from Mankattukadavu the estimate is under preparation by the Section Officer, Vilavancode. When the Chief Engineer receives it he will scrutinise it and report to Government.

76. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Member, Neyyattinkara taluk, Group I*) said that stringent instructions should be issued to the Public Works Department to attend to the minor irrigation works in the taluk. About the Aruvikara dam the Chief Engineer had reported that it was not a very practicable or useful scheme. But the member wanted that the scheme should be investigated once again before it was given up. If, however, the Aruvikara project was found to be impracticable, arrangements should be made for storing more water in the Kodayar dam and for opening the Right Bank Channel for the use of the Neyyattinkara taluk. In regard to this suggestion, it was often stated that there was not enough water in the dam for diversion to Neyyattinkara. But from the pattas issued to the land-owners in Neyyattinkara, it could be seen that at least at that time it was contemplated that the Kodayar water should benefit the lands in the Neyyattinkara taluk as well. It would even do if the Chittar scheme, proposed by the member for Vilavancode, was brought into fruition.

So far as communications in the taluk were concerned, a bridge should be constructed over the canal near the Kulathur Chavadi on the Udiyankulangara-Kulathur Chavadi road. The Amaravila-Ottasekaramangalam road should be raised for one or two furlongs near Kannamkuzhi and a good culvert should be put up.

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there. Three culverts should also be put up on the road from the 6th to the 9th mile with a small bridge at the 9th mile over the Chittar. A bridge should also be constructed at Mandapathumkadavu. Another bridge should be constructed on the Kulathur road near the Ayrayil tank. The Kattakada-Mayilakara road should be converted into a cartable road. The road leading from the Amaravila-Vellarada road to the Kunnathukal pakuthy cutcherry should also be made cartable, as well as the trace from the Amaravila-Oottasekharamangalam road, 1st mile, to the Amaravila-Vellarada road 4th mile.

A manure depot should be established in the taluk.

In regard to the Police officers of the taluk the member urged that a more fair-minded and impartial Police Inspector should be appointed there.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, I do not know whether I will be able to answer all the points you have raised. I can only get through as many as possible in the short time before me.

In regard to minor irrigation works, those that have been sanctioned are being taken up according to their urgency by the Chief Engineer. The whole lot cannot be taken up all at once. We have to work according to programme. The whole question of minor irrigation is now engaging the attention of Government.

As to the Aruvikara irrigation project, the resultant advantage from the scheme you propose will be so small that I am advised that the scheme is not worthy of investigation. However, I will go into the matter again.

As regards the construction of the Kodayar Right Bank Channel, as it is, there is hardly enough water in the Pechippara Reservoir. It supplies the needs of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Vilavancode taluks. When the supply is short for irrigating the existing lands it is not possible to think of adding to the number of distributaries. But the Chief Engineer is carrying on investigations to find out what leakage there is from the reservoir, why it occurs and how it can be remedied. I will not touch upon the question of culverts ; if necessary separate answers will be sent to you later on.

In regard to the conversion of the trace from Amaravila-Ottassekharamangalam road, 1st mile, to the Amaravila-Vellarada road, 4th mile, into a cart road, that is surely a matter for the people themselves to do.

As regards the conversion of the trace from Kattakkada to Mylakkara into a cart road, you will get a separate reply. You want a bridge across the Kulathur-Chavadi road near the Ayrayil tank. An estimate has been called for.

As regards the establishment of a manure depot in Neyyattinkara, I shall ask the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries to see if he can get reliable persons or societies who will undertake the supply of manures on a commission basis.

77. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. KANAKKU NARAYANA PILLAI GOVINDA PILLAI (*Member, Neyyattinkara taluk, Group II*) spoke of the following needs of the taluk :

(i) The new road from the Trivandrum-Kovilam road, 4th mile, to the Pallichal-Vizhinjam road, 4th mile, should be completed soon.

(ii) The foot-path from the 1st mile of the above road to the Vellayani lake should be converted into a public road.

(iii) The above two roads should be metalled and repaired every year.

(iv) A ferry boat should be provided in the Vellayani lake.

(v) Roads should be opened from the western side of the Kovilam camp-shed to the beach on the south and the north and from there to the Panathura *pozhi*.

(vi) A Satrom should be provided at Kovilam with separate accommodation for all classes of people.

(vii) The road from Poovar to Pulluvila which was in a very bad condition and unfit for traffic should be gravelled and made cartable.

(viii) The Peyyad-Vellanad road which was opened only for two miles should be completed and the bridge on the road should be constructed soon.

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